



INTERAGENCY NEWS RELEASE - 6/20/11

Antelope Fire Update #1

Lost Hills – CA, On June 19, 2011 at approximately 10:15 a.m., the Kern County Fire Department responded to a wildland fire approximately 8 miles southwest of the intersection of State Hwy 46 and State Hwy 33. Upon arrival crews were faced with a fast moving wind driven fire. Difficult access to the area, lack of water resources nearby, and strong winds contributed to the quick spread of the fire.

Nearly 600 firefighters from Kern County Fire Department, Cal Fire , BLM and surrounding fire departments responded to the incident. 5 water dropping helicopters, 4 air tankers, air attack 490 from Kern County Fire Department, 17 crews, 38 fire engines and 8 dozers are being used.

The fire has burned approximately 5196 acres with 75% containment; approximately 908 of those acres have burned in San Luis Obispo County. Full containment is expected by 6/21/2011. Two out-buildings have been destroyed by the fire.

No injuries have been reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Fire season is upon us and this is an example of what to expect in the upcoming season.

For more information telephone 661-330-0133 or visit www.kerncountyfire.org or www.fire.ca.gov